Ed Wille W9PWG

The longest running President in the history of the club. From 1990-1998.

Ed has been a ham for 48 years and in radio for 62 years. In WW2 he was in radio and radar as well as running the evening movies in the Philippines for the Navy. All of his stateside jobs have be electronics related.

Ed joined MRAC in 1938. His membership lapsed during WW2 but he rejoined in 1983. He was elected to be a Director in 1989 and President in 1990. About three years ago he took over for Jack Krause as VEC.

I've made a list of the things that came to mind that Ed has done for the club.
He writes " From the Presidents Desk " every month in the Chatter with news and whats happening from his perspective as well as writing some technical articles.
He's Pancho's running boy to pick up the Chatter and get it printed.
He set up and maintains 466-HAMS for both the club and the VE program.
Taught both a General and Advanced class several times for the MRAC school.
A major contributor of equipment and time to make Field Day a success.
He is a regular at the Maxiums Saturday morning breakfast which was Ted Stiller's idea and originated by both Ted and Ed.
Control operator most of the time for the Friday night MRAC net.
A member of the QCWA and occasionally runs their net.
Arranged for the present club meeting hall when we lost Wauwatosa Bank to remodeling.
Purchased and set up the clubs first repeater and our new repeater. And has donated the use of his garage and electricity since the fall of 1993.
Helped organize and run the clubs 75th Anniversary Special Event Station.
Got the clubs new by-laws started, which were completed by Fred Linn and Roger Zaun.
A club speaker on many subjects ever since he has been a member.
Started passing the mic at the meetings for all to I.D.
Instrumental in purchasing the clubs new radio, a Kenwood TS430.

Has always taken the time to praise those who have put forth any effort to make the club run smoothly.
Sound and Video and Ed personally donated flowers for the club Christmas parties.
Organized and purchased the club hats, shirts,pins and VE hats.
And finally in January of this year he announced that the VE groups have tested 185 people last year that resulted in 115 upgrades. All of which Ed has to enter into the computer and send to the FCC.

Sometimes it has been a thankless job. But as a fellow board member, I enjoyed Ed's presence and friendship. And I thank you Ed for many good memories.

I have also been instructed buy all the members of the Board to convey their thanks and that they are glad that you have decided to remain active and run for a director position.

Jim WB9LNU